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Response to Office Action

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Dear Mr. Pryor:

This Response is filed in response to the Office Action (Paper no. 6), mailed on approx. September 12. This Response is being filed by mail on 11/14/00. Applicant is a small entity.

Kindly amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 10 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter therein.

Please amend claims 7, 9, 11 and 13 as follows:

7. (once amended) A utility knife comprising:

a housing having two pieces consisting of first and second juxtaposed halves, the housing having a top and a bottom, with each half having a blade end and a back end, which blade end and back end form a front and a back of the housing, wherein the longitudinal axis of the housing extends from the front to the back;

a blade removably engaged within the housing and extending outward from the front, the blade having a cutting edge extending outward along the bottom of the housing;

first and second juxtaposed hooks in the blade ends of the first and second halves respectively located between the blade end and the back end, wherein each hook forms an

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